

The practyle of Lyr-
urgions of Mountpyl-
ler: and of other that
never came there.



The causys why many

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by swerde Conquission of staffe
faule/Stone, oz other lyke
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lus fleshe / With the pannycles & theyr
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twene those partyes and the Skul Bon
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Cotten oz other lyke stuped oz dypped in
hote Oyles / Oil Rosay oz oyntmentes
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dressing he wyl make more rome with
his instrumentes. And then the warden
or certayne other parsons of the crafte or
facultie of Cyzurgery muste be there at
that dressing. To saye that the Cyzur-
gyon worketh lyke a cūnyng man yf he
please to kepe the syke partie long vnder
his handes / and to make hym to spende
his mony, and that he may crepulat hym
to proue masterys with his instrumentes
called after some Cirurgyon, Trapanes,
Graters, Rapes, Fyles, Chysseles, & other
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to scalisie and fall, or to be taken awaye
with theyr workes / & to blynde the peo-
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and so the pacyent doth dye. ¶ Then the
Cirurgion doth say that the pacyent doth
dye of the wounde or elles ex visitacione
diuina. ¶ And then he bypnygeth other
Syrurgions with hym for his wytnesse
to excuse hym of his noughty workema-
shipp. And yf any other Cyrurgion do for-
tune to dresse the lyke man or woman/
he shall lose a fyne yf he be one of theyr
company. ¶ And yf he be a strainger then
the Cyrurgions wyl sue theyr statute on
hym of .v. li. for every moneth so occupy-
eng of syrurgery to dryue hym out of the
coantrey, or to kepe hym in pryson tyll he
dye. ¶ Forsoth the Cyrurgyons worke-
manshupp is the cause of the death of the
man or woman. ¶ Therfore it is neces-
sary for every Cyrurgyon nat to cut the
fleshe of the heed a crosse, nor none other
membere of the body. ¶ Except there hap-
pen any Arrowe, Quarell, Spereheade,
Gonstone, or other lyke to enter into cra-
neu called the Scull, or in any other bone
of the body. ¶ But no skynne nor fleshe
to be

to be cut a crosse but onely the heade and
in all other places some must be made a
length the membres, & nat ouerthwarte
for to take out the thyng that stycketh
fast in the bone. ¶ But in all such causes
take counsaile of some good expert phy-
sician, or els study in physyke your selfe
by some good booke and noble auctours
to knowe the febres, the causes, and the
daungers of them, so that the patient may
scape from death & to lyue longe. ¶ For
yf there be any bone or grystell hurte or
brused in any parte of the bodye / surely
there is playsters and many other good
and hollesome medycynes that wyl cause
the bones and grystels so hurte and bru-
sed to scallifie and fal out by their selfe, or
to knyt agayn by nature within a short
space with a lytell payne or none. ¶ And
without cause or daunger of any febre or
death. ¶ Therefore let euery mā that wyl
take vpon hym to be a Cirurgion and to
heale any man or woman wounded to
folowe this rule and Regemie. And stu-
dye

dye well and seke for those good play-
sters & oyntementes, and other lyke me-
dyccynes/that maye be to the health and
prosperitie of the kyng our Soueraygne
lordes Subiectes and liege people.

¶ And you shal haue moche more mony
for your labours & paynes then you ha-
ue had in tymes past/ & better name and
fame. And at your endyng the glorie of
the kyngdome of God for your rewarde,
to the whiche I pray God sende vs there
to remayne. ¶ But many Cyrurgyons
doth vse to kepe men and women longe
in theyr handes that hath any vlcere, vl-
cus, pustyl, postume, or any other morbos
gendred of humours, & falling into theyr
legge or other membres descended out of
the body into the skynne musculous fles-
hes, baynes, panyacles, or bones.

¶ They do laye medycynes to them one
whyle helyng, another whyle debatynge
the fleshes, so that it may nat heale, say-
ing that it is a proilde or a deade fleshe.
¶ Then they lay coorse medycynes ther
to/

to/ as vnguentum Ruptorum, Mercuri
sublime, Arsnike, sublimed, or such other
malyng, and mortall corrosyngs, or els to
caltrice the fleshes and bones with read
hote caltryfing yrons, whiche is a mor-
tal payne to the pacient to corrode, bozne
and mortyfye the fleshe & bones. ¶ And
then the bone must scalfie and a pece fal
away after the core or after of the fleshe
is taken away. And thus they do to ma-
ke the pacyent to spende theyr mony.

¶ Many men hath ben thus vled that
Cyrurgions many haue a luyng. And
they make the people to beleue that they
haue done a great cure & that they maye
be called great cōnyng men. ¶ Or elles
they do it by pō ignorance that they know
nat the cause of this humours aforesayd
nor the ryght cure of them. ¶ Therfore,
I wolde that euery Cyrurgyon wolde
leye a parte all those workes / and seke
for some noble medycyns / that wyl put
away the causes of the humours that cō-
nieth out of the bodye. And those Emipo-
stumes

humies or nodes that be engendred vpon
the panycles, ouer the bones and vnder
the fleshies make your Insiciō at lēgth
the membrs into it, and then thrust out
the Sania or corrupcion. ¶ For the fles-
he and bone wyl heale alone by nature/
& then you shalbe the workeman of god
to whome let vs all praye euermore for
his mercy. Amen.

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